

# ODIHR Update

2016 No. 3, 3 June



## ODIHR Director Link meets with Prime Minister Trudeau, Foreign Minister Dion in Ottawa



Director Link meeting in Ottawa with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

ODIHR Director Michael Georg Link was in Ottawa from 11 to 13 May for bilateral consultations with Canadian government officials.

In his meetings with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Foreign Affairs Stéphane Dion, and Chief Electoral Officer Marc Mayrand, as well as with numerous other government officials and experts, Director Link presented the findings of ODIHR's final report on Canada's 2015 parliamentary elections, dis-

cussed the situation related to the crisis in and around Ukraine, and explored prospective new areas for cooperation and where ODIHR can provide assistance.

The visit coincided with the announcement by Minister Dion of the creation of the Office of Human Rights, Freedoms and Inclusion (OHRFI).

"The establishment of this Office further underlines Canada's firm commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms," the ODIHR Director said.

## ODIHR meeting brings together Roma civil society representatives from across the South Caucasus and Central Asia



Participants exchanging expertise and experiences at the meeting in Tbilisi.

On 18 May, the ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues organized an international consultation meeting in Tbilisi on the situation of Roma and related groups in the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

The event gathered 33 participants, including Roma and Mugat civil society representatives from Georgia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, academics and civil society activists supporting Roma and related communities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, and international experts.

Participants underlined that this is the first ever international event on this topic, providing a unique platform for the exchange of information and experiences on what is largely a new region for the work of the Contact Point and a new topic for the region.

# ODIHR Update

2016 No. 3, 3 June



## EU Permanent Representatives to OSCE meet with ODIHR at its Warsaw headquarters



The EU Permanent Representative to the OSCE with Director Link and senior ODIHR staff at the meeting in Warsaw.

On 30 May, the EU Permanent Representative and the permanent representatives to the OSCE of individual European countries travelled to Warsaw to meet with ODIHR Director Michael Georg Link and senior staff to underline, as ODIHR marks its 25th anniversary, the EU's continued strong support for the Office's work.

The Permanent Representatives were briefed by Director Link and by Heads

of ODIHR Departments on ongoing and planned ODIHR activities associated with all aspects of the Office's comprehensive mandate.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss how the EU and its 28 OSCE participating States can further support and work together with ODIHR in strengthening the implementation of their country's OSCE human dimension commitments.

It also provided an opportunity to discuss current human dimension challenges, with a view to exploring areas of possible new commitments by participating States in the areas of human rights and fundamental freedoms, strengthening democratic institutions and elections, combating intolerance and discrimination, and improving the situation of Roma and Sinti in the OSCE area.

### Latest recruitment notices at ODIHR

#### Legal Officer

Location: Warsaw

Grade: Seconded

Closing date: 6 June 2016

[Full details](#) on OSCE website

#### Web Editor

Location: Warsaw

Grade: P2

Closing date: 15 June 2015

[Full details](#) on OSCE website

*If you wish to unsubscribe, please send us a message at [PublicAffairs@odihhr.pl](mailto:PublicAffairs@odihhr.pl).*